



The New York Times / Vic DeLucia

Teammates flock to George Brett after his game-winning three-run homer. Darrel Porter, Royals' catcher, is at right.

Royals, Behind Brett, Oust Yankees From Playoffs

The New York Yankees, who had the best record in the major leagues during the regular season but who found no success thereafter, were swept out of the American League playoffs last night by the Kansas City Royals.

The Royals, getting home runs from Frank White and George Brett, survived a 32-minute rain delay at Yankee Stadium and won, 4-2, to complete a three-game sweep for their first pennant. They advance to the World Series, which will begin Tuesday.

In the National League, the Houston

Astros stood one step away from their first Series after scoring a 1-0, 11-inning victory over the Philadelphia Phillies yesterday afternoon in Houston. The Astros, who won their first Western Division title in a playoff against Los Angeles on Monday, took a 2-1 lead in games; the fourth game is scheduled today.

The Royals will make their first trip

to the Series after having been frustrated in three previous attempts in the playoffs, all against the Yankees, in 1976, '77 and '78. White staked the Royals to a 1-0 lead in the fourth inning with a bases-empty home run to left field off Tommy John, the Yankee starter. Brett belted a three-run home run off Rich Gossage in the seventh inning to erase a 2-1 Yankee lead. The homer was Brett's sixth in four playoff series; he has hit five of them in Yankee Stadium.

Details on Page 15.